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Proposed Rules And Regulations for the Licensing of Nursing Service Agencies
Community Review Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 29 November 2005

Persons in Attendance: See attached sign-in sheets.

The meeting was convened at 10:05 a.m. by Raymond Rusin, Chief of the Office of Facilities Regulation, who provided introductions and an overview of the proposed rule changes. These are proposed new regulations promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 05-168 enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly on July 6, 2005. With the promulgation of this new set of regulations, the Department will concurrently repeal the existing *Rules and Regulations for the Registration of Nursing Pools (R5-34.1-POOL)* that were promulgated in December 2004.

The following sections of the proposed nursing service agency regulations were discussed: 2.3; 3.1.1; 10.1.4; 10.2.1; 10.6; 11.1.1; and 14.1.

Some of the issues/suggestions raised by the group include the following:

- Clarify if a license is required for a branch location;
- Clarify if a licensing fee is required for a branch;
- Could the statewide criminal records check be changed to a national criminal background check?

Mr. Rusin indicated that all of the issues raised by the group related to these regulations would go back to staff for further discussion, review, and re-drafting. A public hearing will be scheduled for early 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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